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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION for**  
**STATE OF WASHINGTON WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION**

February 16, 2006

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for the SR 17 Pioneer Way to Stratford Road transportation project requesting a water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act and the requirements of WAC 173-225.

This public notice is not an indication that Ecology or other state agencies have agreed with the proposed project. This notice is only intended to inform the public of the proposed project and solicit comments from local, state and federal agencies and the public.

**EVALUATION:** The decision to issue, deny or condition the water quality certification (WQC) will be based on the proposed project complying with the applicable provisions of the federal Clean Water Act and appropriate state aquatic protection requirements.

**COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD:** Ecology is soliciting comments from the public, state, and local agencies and officials, tribes and other interested parties in order to evaluate the impacts of the activity. Ecology will consider all comments to determine whether to approve, condition, or deny a certification for the proposed work. **Comments should be sent to:**

**Penny Kelley**  
**Department of Ecology**  
**P.O. Box 47600**  
**Olympia, WA 98504-7600**

**The comment period will last 20 days, from February 16 to March 8, 2006.**

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**The following application for the SR 17 Pioneer Way to Stratford Road transportation project has been received for 401 Water Quality Certification:**

APPLICANT: Washington State Department of Transportation  
North Central Region  
PO Box 98  
Wenatchee, WA 98807-0098

AGENT OR CONTACT: Mr. Don Morehouse, Documentation & Permit Specialist  
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ECOLOGY PROJECT REVIEWER:

Penny Kelley  
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FEDERAL AGENCY ACTION: The Corps of Engineers is reviewing this project under the Nationwide Permit Program. Final decision by the Corps of Engineers will determine if permit coverage under the nationwide permit program is appropriate or if an individual 404 permit will be required. In either case Ecology has determined that an individual 401 Water Quality Certification is required.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this project is to widen SR 17 from MP 51.93 to MP 55.03 to increase capacity and freight mobility and reduce traffic accidents.

LOCATION: The project is located in the City of Moses Lake, Grant County on SR 17 from MP 51.93 to MP 55.03 - T19N R28E.

WORK: Within the project limits specified above, SR 17 will be widened from 2 lanes to 4 lanes. The road work also entails widening a bridge that crosses Parker Horn of Moses Lake. An eight to twelve foot median will be constructed throughout the project for safety purposes, and a noise wall will be built on the west side of the highway between Nelson Road and Wheeler road. Stream C runs alongside a section of SR 17 in a ditch, and it will be relocated to a new channel. A new stream crossing culvert will be installed under Broadway Avenue. Seven roadside wetlands will be impacted from the road widening. WSDOT will provide compensatory wetland for unavoidable wetland impacts.

☒ The project will also be subject to a construction stormwater permit from Ecology.

☒ The proposed project is described in more detail in the Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application prepared on December 8, 2005 and associated documents.

APPEALS: If the water quality certification is issued, any person aggrieved may obtain review thereof by appeal. The applicant can appeal up to 30 days after receipt of the permit, and all others can appeal up to 30 days from the postmarked date of the permit. The appeal must be sent to the Washington Pollution Control Hearings Board, PO Box 40903, Olympia WA 98504-0903. Concurrently, a copy of the appeal must be sent to the Department of Ecology, Enforcement Section, PO Box 47600, Olympia WA 98504-7600. These procedures are consistent with the provisions of Chapter 43 21B RCW and the rules and regulations adopted thereunder.